This is followed by Main (Conventional Type) Written Examination and thereafter interview/personality test etc. The three tier system was introduced to ensure better quality of candidates.

(b) As brought above, in addition to recruitment of Assistants, Staff Selection Commission conducts examinations for direct recruitment to non-technical Group 'C' posts and those Group 'B' posts in the various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and their attached and subordinate offices which are in the pay scale the maximum of which is below Rs. 10,500/- through Combined Graduate Level Examination and other Examinations. Some organizations under the Government of India hold their own recruitment to Group 'B' and 'C' posts falling within their purview as per the notified recruitment rules of the posts.

(c) The pay scales of various posts are decided by expert bodies such as the Central Pay Commission keeping in view all related factors. The existing pay scale of Assistants' Grade was decided by the Fifth Central Pay Commission.

**Setting up of a high level Processed Food Authority of India**

1940. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether on one side Government are seriously thinking of down-sizing the bureaucracy while on the other Ministry of Food Processing Industry is thinking of creating a high level Processed Food Authority of India, comprising 12 full fledged members with necessary supporting staff; and

(b) if so, whether this step will not go against the desired objective of down-sizing Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) As on date no final decision in regard to creation of a Processed Food Authority of India has been taken.